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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON BRAZILIAN-
GERMAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

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1. O ESTADO (JANUARY 26) LED WITH HEADLINE STORY,
BASED ON BONN DISPATCH FROM SERGIO MOTTAL MELOO, ON THE
REPORTED HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE, WHICH WOULD HAVE "U.S., GERMAN,
AND POSSIBLY BRAZILIAN" PARTICIPATION (REF). UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES
FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY ARE CITED AS THE SOURCES OF
INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFERENCE, WHICH COULD TAKE PLACE
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WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, PERHAPS NEXT
WEEK, THE STORY SAID. THE SOURCES ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THE
NUCLEAR QUESTION COULD BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA OF A SUMMIT
CONFERENCE OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

2. "ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NOT GUARANTEED THE PARTICIPATION OF
THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING, THE ADVISORS

OF MONDALE INDICATED THAT BRASILIA 'IS BEING AND ALWAYS WILL BE CONSULTED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS,'" ACCORDING TO O ESTADO. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, HOWEVER, DENIED IT HAD BEEN INFORMED. ACCORDING TO AN O ESTADO QUOTE OF THE MINISTRY'S PRESS SPOKESMAN, GUY BRANDAO DE CASTRO:

"THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN CONSULTED ABOUT THE MEETING..." THE JORNAL DE BRASILIA (JAN. 26) REPORTED THAT A "DISGUSTED" DIPLOMAT SAID, "THE NEWS INVOLVING THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SO CONTROVERSIAL THAT WE NO LONGER KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE."

3. UNIDENTIFIED MINISTRY SOURCES CITED BY O ESTADO REPORTEDLY STRESSED BRAZIL'S RELIANCE ON WEST GERMANY'S WORD. A "HIGHLY PLACED" MINISTRY SOURCE NOTED THAT "THE WORD OF A GOVERNMENT IS UNQUESTIONABLE." THIS SOURCE REPORTEDLY WAS "CERTAIN THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD THE FRG FAIL TO FULFILL THE CONTRACT WITH OUR COUNTRY. IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THERE DOES NOT EXIST, THERE NEVER EXISTED THE FIGURE OF A COUNTRY THAT FAILED TO FULFILL AN AGREEMENT IT HAD SIGNED AND RATIFIED. IT IS THE COMPLETE FULFILLMENT OF ALL AGREEMENTS AND TREATIES THAT ASSURES STABILITY AND CREDIBILITY AMONG NATIONS." THE SAME SOURCE REPORTEDLY SAID, "IT IS ABSURD TO SUPPOSE THAT GERMANY COULD FOLLOW THIS COURSE OF NON-FULFILLMENT)" AND FOR THIS REASON "BRAZIL WILL NOT DEMAND ANY ADDITIONAL CONFIRMATION OR REATIFICATION."

4. THE O ESTADO STORY QUOTES CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AS ADMITTING THE POSSIBILITY THAT "IN THIS FIELD ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS" COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FUTURE. "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" CITED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY O ESTADO CLAIMED SCHMIDT'S "ALLUSION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ANYTHING NEW SINCE LAST NOVEMBER BONN HAD REFERRED TO THE SUBJECT, AND SINCE NEW SAFEGUARDS CLAUSES COULD BE ADDED WITHOUT MODIFYING THE ESSENCE OF THE AGREEMENT. SERGIO MOTTA MELLO REPORTED ALSO THAT AN ADVISOR TO THE VICE PRESIDENT SAID SCHMIDT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT HAD DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLE FORMATION OF AUN INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR THE SUPPLY OF URANIUM. CRIMMINS

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